

MAURICE R. SIMMONS.

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Mr. STOKES, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Maurice R. Simmons, have had the same under consideration, and report :*

It appears that the petitioner was employed in 1847 by General Z. Taylor, during the war with Mexico, in the service of the subsistence department, to furnish the army with fresh beef at Ceralvo. The contract was entered into at Monterey, and as the petitioner and his partner, escorted by some United States troops, were passing from the latter to the former place, when near Ceralvo, the petitioner received a shot in his thigh, from the effects of which his leg was amputated; his horse was also killed. He was otherwise serviceable. In 1848 Congress by special act granted him a pension at \$8 per month. He now asks that it be increased. Your committee are of the opinion that, as he did not belong to the army and was there in a speculative capacity, they cannot recommend an increase of his pension, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition.

MAURICE R. SINKOFF

From the House of Representatives

Mr. Speaker, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Maurice R. Sinkoff, have had the same under consideration, and report as follows:

It appears that the petitioner was employed in 1847 by General Taylor, during the war with Mexico, in the service of the Subsistence Department, to furnish the army with fresh beef at Camacho. The contract was entered into at Monterey, and as the petitioner and his partner, assisted by some United States troops, were passing from the latter to the former place, when near Camacho, the petitioner received a shot in the thigh, from the effects of which his leg was amputated; the bone was also killed. He was otherwise rendered. In 1848 Congress by special act granted him a pension at \$5 per month. He now asks that he be increased. Your committee are of the opinion that as he did not belong to the army and was then in a speculative capacity, they cannot recommend an increase of his pension, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition.